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POULTRY USED IN CANNING AND OTHER PROCESSEDUFOODS March 1956

Poultry used in canning and other processed foods in March totaled 15,369,000 pounds ready-to-cook weight, compared with 15,406,000 pounds in March last year. The quantity consisted of 13,243,000 pounds of chickens and 2,126,000 pounds of turkeys. No comparisons with last year are available for the various classes used.

The quantity of poultry certified under Federal inspection during March totaled 57,038,000 pounds, compared with 30,883,000 pounds a year earlier. Of this total, 51,751,000 pounds were chickens and other poultry and 5,287,000 pounds were turkeys. During March 1955, the quantity of poultry certified consisted of 26,696,000 pounds of chickens and 4,187,000 pounds of turkeys.

Poultry used in canning and other processed foods - 1955-56 1/(Ready-to-cook weights)

Months	:	Young chickens 1956	:	Mature chickens 1956	- :	Turkeys	-: -:	Other poultry	Total po	:	
	:	1,000 pounds		1,000 pounds		1,000 pounds		1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds		1,000 pounds
January February March April May June July August September October November December		962 1,680 987		13,642 13,046 12,256		1,826 2,136 2,126		0 1 0	 14,786 12,981 15,406 13,598 16,941 15,579 9,483 13,401 15,703 18,700 18,694 16,449		16,430 16,863 15,369
Total	•						_		 181,721		
JanMar. Incl.									43,173		48,662

^{1/} Includes USDA inspected and other.

Poultry eviscerated under the USDA inspection service (Ready-to-cook weights)

Months					Other poultry : Total poultry				
	1955 1/	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	
February March April May June July August September October November	34,575 29,727 26,696 36,204 44,871 53,585 55,790 68,460 66,802 78,113 63,731 54,475	55,385 52,942 51,433	10,484 2,599 4,187 5,485 12,050 12,751 13,855 33,430 56,454 87,184 101,316 69,589	10,150 3,358 5,287	3,480 3,630 2,529 932 1,622 718		45,059 32,326 30,883 41,689 56,921 66,336 73,125 105,520 125,785 166,229 166,669 124,782	65,803 56,528 57,038	
JanMar.Incl.	90,998	159,760	17,270	18,795		8114	108,268	179,369	

^{1/} Includes an undetermined quantity of other poultry, except turkeys until July 1955.

Poultry eviscerated under USDA inspection service, by classes--1956 (Ready-to-cook weights)

	Chic	kens	Turkeys						
Months	Young	Mature	Young	Old	Fryer- _roaster_				
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000				
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds				
January February March April May June July August September October November December	44,603	10,782	8,930	124	1,096				
	42,670	10,272	1,741	295	1,322				
	41,908	9,525	2,428	366	2,493				